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PSC TO HOLD HEARING ON AGREEMENT REGARDING REQUEST TO EXPAND THE ST. LOUIS MCA

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on **February 21, 2006**, in order that Commissioners may ask any questions they have regarding an agreement reached to provide expanded calling for the Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) exchanges of Beaufort, St. Clair, Union and Washington. The agreement was filed by AT&T Missouri, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm on **February 21, 2006**, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. This hearing will be held in a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If anyone needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

AT&T Missouri exchanges of Beaufort, St. Clair, Union and Washington: An agreement is before the Public Service Commission involving these exchanges of AT&T Missouri. Under the agreement, the four AT&T Missouri exchanges would be added to Tier 5 of the current St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) plan. Under the MCA plan, subscribing customers in an MCA exchange can have certain outgoing and incoming toll-free calling benefits and would pay a flat monthly rate for the MCA service. Under the agreement, MCA would be an optional service and subscribers would pay an additional \$32.50 a month (residential) and \$70.70 a month (business) if they want the service.

The agreement states that customers in these four AT&T Missouri exchanges that choose to subscribe to MCA service will need to have their telephone numbers changed to reflect MCA telephone numbers.